**Principles for Livestock AFS CRP coordination in its target countries**

**Proposed nomenclature:**

**Livestock CRP Country coordinator:** Livestock CRP staff member (i.e. member of one of the Livestock CRP program partners) responsible for coordinating Livestock CRP country planning and reporting, and serves as the **CRP focal point on the CG site integration working group** in that country

**CRP and centre country focal points on the CG site integration working group:** The CG site integration working group is led by the CG site integration leader representing the lead centre taking responsibility for the site integration process in that country. The working group consists of focal points from each centre and CRP to develop the country site integration plan, and to keep their centres or CRP management/flagship leaders in the loop.

* In Livestock CRP target countries, the Livestock CRP country coordinator will also be expected to serve as the Livestock CRP focal point on the CG site integration working group
* In Site Integration+/++ countries that are not Livestock CRP target countries, but the Livestock CRP has bilateral project activities, the project PI, project team leader or another appropriate staff member from the CRP partner implementing the bilateral project will be expected to represent the Livestock CRP on the CG site integration working group
* In Site Integration+/++ countries that are not Livestock CRP target countries and the Livestock CRP has no significant bilateral project activities, a regional staff member from ILRI or other partner may be asked to monitor but not participate in the CG site integration working group

**CG site integration leader:** This is a staff member who coordinates the CG site integration working group on behalf of the designated lead centre for the site Integration+/++ countries.

Livestock CRP program partner: ILRI, CIAT, ICARDA, SLU, GIZ; Tier 2 partners: ICRAF, IWMI

**Livestock AFS CRP strategy for target countries**

* The target countries are the focus for demonstrating the CRP AR4D model, both for value chain and systems perspectives.
* **Hi-gear countries**: The CRP has momentum and an adequate resource base to immediately continue full engagement in:
  + Ethiopia, led by ICARDA, shared with ILRI
  + Uganda, led by ILRI, with CIAT
  + Tanzania, led by ILRI, with CIAT
  + Kenya, led by ILRI, with CIAT, ICRAF

“Adequate resources” are indicated by having a team based in the country with significant bilateral funding secured to implement a core set of activities; additional bilateral funding is being sought and W1/2 resources may be invested

* **Lo-gear countries**: The CRP has previous work to build on from both L&F and the Systems CRPs, but with little bilateral funding secured:
  + Nicaragua, led by CIAT, with ILRI
  + Vietnam, led by ILRI, with CIAT

These countries may merit limited W1/2 investment to maintain partner engagement while continuing resource mobilization efforts. A stop/go deadline will be set if bilateral funding cannot be secured.

* **On-deck countries:** These countries are targeted for phasing into the CRP contingent on (i) developing a successful business case as in L&F; and (ii) securing dedicated bilateral funding. These include:
  + Tunisia, led by ICARDA
  + India, led by ILRI
  + Burkina Faso, led by ILRI
  + A country in Central Asia, led by ICARDA

**Livestock AFS CRP site integration strategy**

* Livestock CRP centre partners are leading site integration processes in:
  + Ethiopia (ILRI): CG site integration leader: Boni Moyo
  + Nicaragua (CIAT): Maya Rajasekharan
  + Vietnam (CIAT): Dindo Campilan

There has been no guidance as to how this role will be financed except to point out that it should not require much and is expected to generate savings for the CG entities participating. We would expect the funding to be contributed primarily by the CRPs, but must be kept very modest if it is to be sustained.

* The CRP focal point for the CG site integration process in our Hi-gear and Lo-gear countries will participate fully in the CG site integration planning and activities, but will be cautious about making commitments in the Lo-gear countries given resource constraints. CRP focal points will maintain a watching brief for the On-deck countries to anticipate a more direct involvement at a later stage if and when it becomes a Livestock CRP target country

**Principles for managing CRP work in target countries**

* Much of the Livestock CRP work in each country will be led by the Livelihoods AFS flagship, but all flagships are responsible for developing an agenda that assesses and responds to priority needs in each target country consistent with each flagship’s objectives and approach. Each flagship will be expected to demonstrate how those priority needs have influenced their research agenda
* The CRP work in each target country will be coordinated by a Country Coordinator. This is expected to be the head staff member of the partner centre implementing the bulk of the work in the target country and who is directly involved in implementing Livestock research activities. (There may be cases where the head Livestock CRP staff member is not the head of the centre country office.) Responsibilities include:
  + Consolidate the flagship workplans into a country work plan, and facilitate communication across flagships to ensure activities are harmonized to the extent possible
  + Coordinate and monitor the relationships between the flagships and local partners
  + Represent the CRP in local events and with government
  + Serve as the Livestock CRP focal point in the site integration process, presenting the CRP work plans (including information about locations) to the CGIAR country coordination group and communicating priorities and expressions of interest from the site integration effort and other CRPs in the CGIAR site integration working group back to the flagship teams. The coordinator is expected to lead the CRP’s pro-active engagement in contributing to the site integration process, and advising flagships on the opportunities for them to participate.
  + Consolidate and synthesize reporting on progress being achieved as needed to the CRP and to the site integration process.
  + The Country Coordinator’s office (possibly relying on the centre’s country office, if different) provides logistical support to flagship activities that do not already have their own office and staff based in-country.
* To support this function, the CRP management budget covers 15% of the Country Coordinator and office costs in both Hi- and Lo-gear countries
* The CRP also reserves $5,000/year/country to contribute to country site integration activities (e.g. stakeholder consultations) (both Hi- and Lo-gear countries)

**Filling in the site integration bits in the proposal**

The CO hasn’t provided specific guidance on filling in the Site Integration table (Annex 3.7 Template 2b) and how it would link to the related text in the main narrative. I am proposing to the other CRP directors that coordinate our effort on this by the following steps:

1. We ask the CG site integration leader in each country to prepare the brief paragraph needed for the 2nd column in Template 2b: “*Define steps taken so far (March 2016) to establish national level engagement with other CRPs towards site integration*”. I will circulate what that paragraph should include that we can agree on. I will can serve as the clearinghouse for compiling and sharing these as they are prepared, and will check with Nadia if they can be posted on the CO site, too.
2. We provide the Livestock CRP focal point in each country where our CRP will be active, the inventory of currently planned activities being proposed in our CRP proposal. The CG site integration leader in each country is being asked on behalf of all the CRPs to quickly convene a planning meeting of the CRP focal points in that country (or they do it bilaterally between individual focal points) to:
   1. Agree on the ‘plan and schedule’ for developing site integration, both for the immediate task of developing the country work plan and for the longer term
   2. Share the information about their planned CRP activities in that country and identify where there are the most obvious major opportunities for overlap and coordinating the work across CRPs, both in terms of thematic work and in terms of geographies. At this point, the idea is not to get down to detail or to make plans, it is only to provide a very preliminary sketch of potential synergies. This will help to respond to the request to “provide relevant elements” from each CRP for developing site integration in that country, if I am interpreting that request correctly.

Each CRP focal point in that country will then be in a position to draft a paragraph for the 3rd column in Template 2b.

The result would be a common set of answers for each country for the 2nd column and a coordinated set of CRP-specific answers for each country for the 3rd column.

**Site integration planning going forward**

In the recently updated Site integration guidance document, the CO has announced that lead centres will be required to submit country site integration plans for Site Integration + and ++ countries by the end of April. Our focal points in our Hi- and Lo-gear countries will therefore need to be prepared to engage in a more intensive planning exercise in contributing the Livestock CRP inputs as part of that, and interact with the flagship leaders as needed.

Site Integration and Target Countries: Who’s Who

**Livestock CRP**

Livestock CRP Target countries

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Country | Livestock CRP Country Coordinator + Site Integration focal point | ILRI SI focal point | CIAT SI focal point | ICARDA SI focal point |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Ethiopia | Barbara Rischkowsky | Boni Moyo | ? | Barbara Rischkowsky |
| Uganda | Ben Lukuyu | Ben Lukuyu | ? | Na |
| Tanzania | Amos Omore | Amos Omore | ? | Na |
| Kenya | Ephraim Mukisira | Ephraim Mukirisa | ? | Na |
| Tunisia | Udo Ruediger | na | Na | Udo Ruediger |
| Nicaragua | Rein van der Hoek | na | Maya Rajasekharan | na |
| Vietnam | Lucy Lapar | Hung Nguyen | ? | Na |
| India | Alok Jha | Alok Jha | ? | ? |
| Burkina Faso | Augustine Ayantunde | Augustine Ayantunde | ? | Na |

Other countries where the Livestock CRP is expecting to contribute

|  |  |  |  |  |
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| Country | Livestock CRP Site Integration focal point | ILRI SI focal point | CIAT SI focal point | ICARDA SI focal point |
| Nigeria | Acho Okike  ACGG | Acho Okike | ? | Na |
| Mali | Augustine Ayantunde (observing) (Abdou Fall)  USAID project | Augustine Ayantunde (observing) (Abdou Fall) | ? | NA |
| DRC | Michael Handlos  IFAD/EC project | Michael Handlos | ? | NA |
| CAC country tbd |  |  |  |  |
| Mozambique | Sikhalazo Dube  IFAD/SNV project | Sikhalazo Dube |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| PIPELINE PROPOSALS |  |  |  |  |
| Zambia | Sikhalazo Dube (observing)  IFAD proposal (Henry Kiara) | Mwansa Songe |  |  |
| Malawi | Sikhalazo Dube (observing)  IFAD proposal (Michael Blummel) | Sikhalazo Dube (observing) |  |  |

Livestock CRP program partner staff having centre responsibilities in site integration countries

**ILRI**

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| Country | ILRI focal point for Site Integration working group | ILRI staff member serving as CRP focal point |
| ++ Countries |  |  |
| Ethiopia | Boni Moyo – CG Site Integration Leader |  |
| Tanzania | Amos Omore | Livestock: Amos Omore |
| Bangladesh | Alok Jha (observing) | Livestock: Alok Jha (observing) |
| Nicaragua | NA |  |
| Nigeria | Acho Okike | Livestock: Acho Okike  A4NH: Acho Okike |
| Vietnam | Hung Nguyen | Livestock: Lucy Lapar  A4NH: Hung Nguyen |
| + Countries |  |  |
| Kenya | Ephraim Mukisira | Livestock: Ephrain Mukisira  A4NH: no one assigned yet |
| Uganda | Ben Lukuyu | Livestock: Ben Lukuyu |
| Burkina Faso | Augustine Ayantunde | Livestock: Augustine Ayantunde |
| Zambia | Mwansa Songe | A4NH: Mwansa Songe |
| Cameroon | NA |  |
| DRC | Michael Handlos | Livestock: Michael Handlos |
| Ghana | Augustine Ayantunde (observing) | Livestock: Augustine Ayantunde (observing) |
| India | Alok Jha | Livestock: Alok Jha |
| Malawi | Sikhalazo Dube (observing) | Livestock: Sikhalazo Dube (observing) |
| Mali | Augustine Ayantunde (observing) | Livestock: Augustine Ayantunde (observing) |
| Mozambique | Sikhalazo Dube (observing) | Livestock: Sikhalazo Dube (observing) |
| Nepal | Alok Jha (observing) | Livestock: Alok Jha (observing) |
| Niger | Augustine Ayantunde (observing) | Livestock: Augustine Ayantunde (observing) |
| Rwanda | ? | Livestock: ? |